

LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE: **April 22, 2003**

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **9 8**

CONSENT:

REGULAR: **X**

CLOSED SESSION:

(Confidential)

ACTION: **X**

INFORMATION:

ITEM TITLE: **Virginia Outdoors Fund Grant Application**

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution in support of an application for grant funding through the Virginia Outdoors Fund Grant Program, administered by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation.

SUMMARY:

In the past week, staff was made aware of a grant opportunity through the Virginia Outdoors Grant Fund Program. The grant application is due April 30, 2003. Because of the application due date, staff is requesting full Council's consideration of a resolution in support of an application requesting funding in the amount of \$250,000. The grant requires a 50% match from the City.

The grant funding will be used to support the development of the Ivy Creek Nature Center at Lynchpin Industrial Center. The Lynchburg Industrial Development Authority is in support of the project and has agreed to transfer approximately 28 acres of land to the City for the development of a public park. The park plan includes a nature center, lake, trails, arboretum, native plant gardens, fishing pier, parking and shelter. This grant will allow for completion of a site and building assessment, completion of a master plan with phasing strategies, and construction of the first phase of the park. Staff will continue to seek other grant opportunities and private sector financial support for the project.

PRIOR ACTION(S):

none

FISCAL IMPACT:

A 50% match (\$250,000) of City funding is required for the grant. Funding in the amount of \$473,000 is available for this project in the Capital Improvement Plan. The funding is programmed as follows:

Trail Improvements, FY 04, \$39,000

Ivy Creek Nature Center, FY 05, \$124,000

Ivy Creek Nature Center, FY 06, \$310,000

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ATTACHMENT(S):

Resolution

REVIEWED BY: lkp

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) provides funds to assist political subdivisions of the Commonwealth of Virginia in acquiring and developing open space and park lands; and

WHEREAS, there are urgent needs within the City of Lynchburg to develop park land; and

WHEREAS, this area is deemed of high acquisition and development priority by said City of Lynchburg and shall be referred to as the Ivy Creek Nature Center.

WHEREAS, in order to attain funding assistance from DCR, it is necessary that the City of Lynchburg guarantee that a proportionate share of the cost thereof is available; and

WHEREAS, the proportionate project share of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) is funded by the City of Lynchburg.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LYNCHBURG that the City Manager is hereby authorized to cause such information or materials as may be necessary to be provided to the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) and to enter into such agreements as may be necessary to permit the formulation, approval and funding of the Ivy Creek Nature Center Project. The City Manager is authorized to sign any documents that may be necessary to apply for the grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Lynchburg gives its assurance that the funds needed as the proportionate share of the cost of the approved program will be provided, up to \$250,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Lynchburg gives its assurance that the General Provisions of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act (L&WCF) and the Virginia Outdoors Fund Fiscal Procedures will be complied within the administration of this project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Lynchburg will operate and maintain the public recreation facility in good condition and will provide permanent project acknowledgement signs of the participating funding agencies and that this signage will clearly state that the said facility is a "public" recreational facility; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Lynchburg shall dedicate the metes and bounds of the Ivy Creek Nature Center properties, in perpetuity, for public outdoors recreational purposes in accordance with the Land and Water Conservation Fund (L&WCF) Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Lynchburg gives its assurance that all other applicable federal and state regulations governing such expenditure of funds will be complied within the administration, development, and subsequent operation of the Ivy Creek Nature Center; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Conservation and Recreation is respectfully requested to assist in approval and funding of the Ivy Creek Nature Center Project in order to enhance the standard of public recreational enjoyment for all our citizenry.

Adopted:

Certified:

Clerk of Council